ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

The present invention is directed to a method and system for managing patient care in order to minimize caregiver error. The system may be driven by machine readable identifiers. The identifiers may include bar codes. The system is also task-based so as to minimize caregiver input and the possibility of caregiver error. The system includes a caregiver portable information device having a scanning device. The system additionally includes a patient machine readable identifier and a medication machine readable identifier. The system further includes a dynamically generated patient task list for an identified patient, the task list including instructions for administration of at least one medication, wherein the task list becomes available upon scanning of the patient machine readable identifier by the scanning device.